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Health cess proceeds to be shared with states

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the proposed Health and National Security Cess will not be levied on essential commodities and the proceeds will be shared with states under specific health schemes. "By levying the cess, we expect that it would act as a deterrent for pan masala consumption. Part of the revenue from this cess will be shared with states through health awareness schemes," she said.

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